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Newsom moves to Lafayette

Former vice chancellor takes job as executive director of OnePurdue

TERRIE HENDERSON
Editor in Chief

The PUC administration lost a key player recently when Gary Newsom, former PUC vice chancellor of administrative services relocated to Purdue West Lafayette after being named executive director of the university's systemwide technology and business redesign

effort, OnePurdue.

Newsom, who could not be immediately reached for comment, served as the top business officer for PUC for nearly three-decades.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said during Newsom's tenure he has been responsible for keeping PUC financially secure and stable.

Cohen said that thanks largely to Newsom, PUC has been in as good, or better, shape financially than any

other university he has worked at.

"I really credit that to (Newsom's) sound financial practices," Cohen said.

Cohen said Newsom's major contribution to PUC was his relationship with West Lafayette that enabled him to excel at facilities planning.

Cohen said Newsom helped bring that support to campus.

But with Newsom in a new

position at Purdue West Lafayette, PUC has taken measures to insure that its various projects, such as the construction of the dorms and parking garage, will continue to run smoothly.

"We will be able to continue without a hitch," Cohen said.

Cohen said that Michael Kull, assistant vice chancellor for business and facilities, will be serving as interim vice chancellor of

administrative services until the spring, when the university will hire Newsom's replacement.

Cohen said Kull will be able to handle the added responsibilities.

"In the short term, I think he will be able to handle it just fine," Cohen said.

Cohen also said that they are hoping to hire a new vice

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SGA sponsors Visclosky visit

JORDAN HESTERMANN
News Editor

U.S. congressman Pete Visclosky (D-Ind.) spoke about jobs, the Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana, Lake Michigan shoreline development and the expansion of the South Shore railroad during his visit to campus last week.

The event was sponsored by the student government association in progress. Evelyn Bottando, graduate aid leading the restructuring of the student government association, said she chose to have a congressional representative speak because it directly relates to developing a student government. She said she wanted students to get an idea of what a representative does.

"I chose him because of his years in service, his knowledge of his job and what it means to represent people," Bottando said.

Visclosky said at the start of his speech, "I am always looking for opportunities in Washington to maintain good paying jobs in Northwest Indiana."

Visclosky said one of the things he sees in Northwest Indiana as a good way of building jobs is the Gary/Chicago International Airport. He emphasized that it is the third airport in the Chicago metropolitan area. He said there are currently two airlines that have regularly scheduled flights there.

"I think the Gary Airport is a goldmine waiting to happen," Visclosky said.

Visclosky said in the next few years Midway Airport will not be able to squeeze another airplane in. He said O'Hare Airport will eventually be reconfigured, but it will be in the next few years if they start now. He said this is why the Gary Airport can be such an asset, it is necessary to have a third major airport in the area.

Rohan Johnson, biology, pre-med major and member of the Student Government Association restructuring committee, commented on what the congressman



Photo by Vicki Palus

Students listen to U.S. Congressman Pete Visclosky (D-Ind.) speak about the Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana, jobs, Lake Michigan shoreline development and the expansion of the South Shore railroad during the SGA sponsored event last week.

said about the airport.

"I like what he said about the Gary Airport issue, it bringing more business back into Northwest Indiana," Johnson said.

Visclosky said another way to build jobs in Northwest Indiana is through the Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana, the business incubator being built in Merrillville. He said the incubator holds keys to the future.

"It's not going to spawn thousands of jobs by the end of next year, and it's not going to give someone that lost their job a job by tomorrow, it will help build jobs though," Visclosky said.

Chancellor Howard Cohen commented on the partnership between PUC and Visclosky. He

said the University stands apart from politics, but not from government. He said PUC has a great partnership with the representative. Cohen said it has been through the energy and support of the Congressman that the incubator has been able to grow.

"I would reemphasize that we have a great partnership between the Congressman and the federal government. We can get a lot done," Cohen said.

The Congressman also spoke briefly about his plan for reclaiming the shoreline of Lake Michigan for public use and the expansion of the South Shore railroad. He said that 75 percent of the lakeshore from the Illinois border to the east part of Portage has been recaptured

for public use.

"It is your lake, you shouldn't have to pay someone to go there," Visclosky said.

He said that the expansion of the South Shore railroad will also build jobs in the area by allowing people to get where they need to go. He said that there has been very strong cooperation between the towns and counties the railroad runs through.

Visclosky ended his speech emphasizing that his office is in the telephone book and that anyone should feel free to contact him regarding anything going on in Northwest Indiana.

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United Way to benefit from PUC donations

TERRIE HENDERSON
Editor in Chief

In an attempt to help others in the community, PUC has developed a new campaign to get more people on campus to donate to the Lake Area United Way.

Ed Pierson, electrical engineering professor and member of the PUC United Way Committee, said the university is doing two things to get more faculty and staff to participate in donating funds.

Recently, the committee sent out pledge packets to faculty and staff in an attempt to gather money for the United Way. Staff and faculty were urged to donate any amount, no matter how small, by cash, check, charge card or payroll deduction.

Pierson said if a department gets 90 percent of the staff to donate, the chancellor and the senior staff at PUC will provide them with a free staff meal.

Pierson said the second incentive is a drawing for staff and faculty for a possible reserved parking spot. The university is offering two parking spots; one for a first time giver and another for an increased gift from the participant's last year's donation.

Pierson also urged student groups to raise money for the Lake County United Way. He said other schools, such as Purdue West Lafayette, have student groups gathering donations by doing fundraising activities.

The committee also consists of Martha Lowry, wellness coordinator and Kathryn Branch, library clerk.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said it is important for those on campus to help others in the community.

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE



Check out your furniture choices!



Students will have an opportunity to see furniture options for the new University Village at Purdue Calumet student housing suites, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday (10/27-28) in Alumni Hall.

Actual furniture will be on display including living room furniture (sofa, side chair, coffee table, end table and entertainment unit); bedroom furniture (twin bed, chest of drawers, study desk and chair); and kitchen bistro table and stools.

Forms will be available for you to provide your ideas and input. Also, participants will be eligible to receive incentives.

Furniture laid out just like real rooms

Furniture from two vendors will be displayed relative to apartment dimensions to give a visual perspective of the actual suites.

The University Village at Purdue Calumet will feature four-bedroom, two-bath, furnished units (a private bedroom and shared bathroom) with numerous amenities including: individual leases, leased by bed space; fully equipped kitchen (stove with range and microwave, refrigerator and garbage disposal); and ADA accessible units.

Amenities for your comfort and service

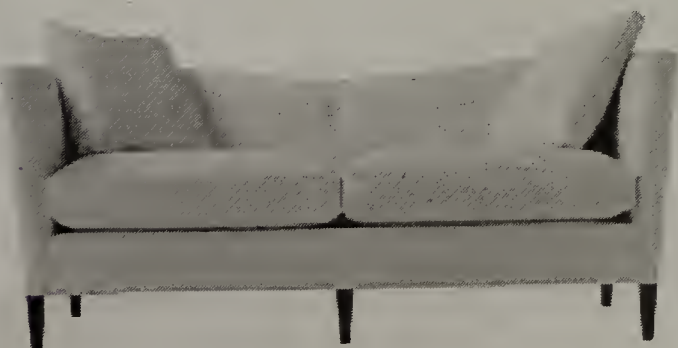
Community amenities include: laundry rooms on every floor; multi-purpose programming space on every floor for student activities; internet connectivity; quiet study areas; group meeting rooms and conference rooms; excellent residential life plan and organized social events; multi-purpose vending machines; smoke free environment; gated security parking; on-site community assistant staff; and on-site management and maintenance.

Leasing office in the SFLC

The leasing office, located in Room 150F of the Student Faculty Library Center, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office phone number is 989-4150. The fax is 989-4152. The web site is: www.PUCstudenthousing.com.

Monthly per student rent is \$399 and includes the following utilities: water, sewer, trash and gas; internet service; and satellite television service.

The new student housing is aligned with the university's strategic plan for student success in that studies indicate that students who live on campus are less likely to drop out and are more likely to graduate in four years with a baccalaureate degree.



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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

Chancellor seeks students who enjoy reading

The Center for Career and Leadership Development is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle Nov. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. "The Life of Pi" by Yann Martel will be discussed. Interested students should contact Student Life and Activities at (219) 989-2369 or visit SFLC-324H to register. Books are provided.

Student Vegetarian Coalition hosts documentary

The Student Vegetarian Coalition is showing a Tribe of Heart Documentary "Peaceable Kingdom" Oct. 25 at 3 and 5 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the SFLC TV room. The movie showing is open to everyone. For more information e-mail studentvegetariancoalition@hotmail.com.

Deutsch Klub holds meeting for interested students

Deutsch Klub presents "Kaffeestunde" Oct. 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in SFLC-301. Deutsch Klub invites students to join them for games, conversation, speaking German and meeting new people. For more information contact pucdeutschklub@hotmail.com

Hitchcock's "The Birds" plays in SFLC TV Room

Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" starring Rod Taylor and Tippi Hedren will be playing Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the SFLC TV Room. Admission is free.

Sorority promotes cultural dance with salsa lessons

Sorority Sigma Lambda Gamma will give free salsa lessons Oct. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. in SFLC- C104 (Game Room). Also, the sorority will be presenting its first "Mr. 'G-Q'" (Gamma's most qualified bachelor) contest Oct. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Gyte Lecture Hall 103. For more information e-mail them at eta_alpha@yahoo.com.

Black Student Union sponsors open mic night

The Black Student Union sponsors an open mic poetry night Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the SFLC TV room. For more information visit <http://life.calumet.purdue.edu/bsunion> or e-mail them at blackstudentunion1@hotmail.com.

PUC Graduate school schedules open houses

The graduate school hosts open houses Oct. 26, Nov. 13 and Nov. 15 to inform current students, graduates and interested others of what graduate education offers. The open houses are scheduled as follows: 3 to 7 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Room with a View SFLC-150; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at The Center; and 3 to 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Room with a View SFLC- 150. Representatives of the Offices of the Graduate School and Registrar, the Center for Career and Leadership Development and various academic departments will be on hand to answer questions. For more information call the Graduate school at (219) 989-2257.

The Chronicle opens hours for journalism lab

The Chronicle is offering a journalism lab for anyone interested in learning how to write in the style used by most news publications. The lab is ongoing until the week before finals. The hours are Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays 2 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. For more information call (219) 989-2548 or stop by SFLC-344-H during open hours.

Counseling Center offers support groups

The PUC Counseling Center is offering the following support facilitated support groups and workshops this fall semester: Empowering Women/Self-Esteem Group, Freshmen Experience Group, GLBT Support Group, Returning Adult Students Group and Feel Better Fast Group. For more information visit the Counseling Center in Gyte-5 or call them at (219) 989-2419.

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Child center offers options to students with children

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The Charlotte R. Riley Child Center offers a variety of early childhood programs for children ages 3 through 5 on campus.

Riley is a laboratory site for the Early Childhood Program at PUC. It offers a range of early childhood programs from daycare to preschool to kindergarten.

Tamra Bottomlee, director of the Riley Center and an instructor in childhood development, said Riley provides a much needed service for PUC students, faculty and surrounding community and a training center for students at PUC in not just the Early Childhood Programs, but in nursing, education and nutrition.

"It provides practical experience," she said. "The center ties theory and practice together and provides a supportive environment for students and staff."

The center moved from its original home in the Porter building 12 years ago when the family of Charlotte R. Riley donated funds for the construction of a new building. A plaque memorializing the family's contribution can be seen right inside the entrance of the new building. The inscription at the base reads "The children are our pride, our joy and our hope for tomorrow. Let us do all we can for them today."

Wendy Akers, lead teacher at the Riley Center for almost seven years, said the center is a source of community fellowship and provides excellent learning opportu-



Photo by Terrie Henderson

Adam Kojich, 4, gets help putting on his coat by his dad, John Kojich. Adam is enrolled in Lead Teacher Marisa Munoz's preschool class.

nities not just for the young children attending, but for the teachers and students providing the services and care.

"I enjoy the atmosphere of the whole school," she said. "We have a good teacher to child ratio here."

More than half of the children attending the Riley Center are those of students and faculty at PUC.

"Forty percent of the students are from the surrounding community and sixty percent are children of faculty and students," Bottomlee said.

Families from the surrounding community with children enrolled

provide most of the income the Riley Center receives. Undergraduate students receive a discount at the Riley Center, with a cost of \$122 for weekly daycare.

The center is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the semester and is closed during semester breaks. Enrollment is always open, with scholarships available to eligible students on financial aid.

"It's excellent," Barbara Weston, undergraduate student at PUC said.

Weston's 5-year-old son, Coby, is currently attending kindergarten and has been attending other programs offered by the



Photo by Terrie Henderson

Four-year-olds Jessica Tucker (left) and Maddy Hayden (right) play with a hula hoop outside. Tucker and Hayden are enrolled in Lead Teacher Wendy Akers' preschool class.

Riley Center since he was 3.

"They were rated number one in Lake County for 2004. I would recommend it to everyone who has the option to use it," Weston said.

Riley has several fundraising programs in place to help raise money to fund the programs at the school. The facility is not-for-profit, so proceeds go directly into running the Riley Center and providing quality care for the children. They are participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program, the Recycle and Redeem program and they are

selling cookie dough. The Recycle and Redeem program is designed to recycle empty printer ink cartridges and used cell phones through the Funding Factory Recycling Program. Ink cartridges and cell phones can be dropped off at Riley. The facility is currently looking for a second drop-off point.

For further information concerning programs and enrollment contact Tamra Bottomlee or Linda Rendenman at (219) 989-2343 or visit them at <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/rcc/>.

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Students should take advantage of campus counseling, childcare

While there might be the occasional student who has not a care in the world and a stress-free life, others have real-life day-to-day situations that can be stressful.

There are a good number of non-traditional students on our campus who take advantage of the fact that PUC is, for the time being, a commuter college. They balance their lives with part-time and even full-time class loads.

But even the traditional students at PUC, it seems, have heavy workloads and stressful lifestyles.

There are two centers on campus that cater to the needs of the students on campus. The Counseling Center and the Riley Child Center offer different services to help the PUC student cope with the challenges college can present.

Students should visit either the Counseling Center located in the Gyte building or the Riley Child Center located on the south end of the PUC campus by the PER building off 173rd Street if they have not done so already.

Learning about the services that the campus can offer will help make life a little bit less stressful.

Even if finding the time to learn about these services might seem like an unrealistic goal because of a busy schedule, doing so could save the average student much time and unnecessary turmoil.

The average student carries around a lot more than most people might realize.

For most students, there is the ever-present need to balance all of life's daily activities, but others have even more to worry about.

Some worry about friends or loved ones who are serving in the military. Others might be struggling with family or loved ones who have illnesses. Some may have recently had a friend or family member die. There are numerous things that people encounter every day that can make life itself very challenging, let alone school.

The Counseling Center is located right on campus to help students.

At times, things can get challenging and balancing everything can get very difficult.

Sometimes students need some additional support.

The Counseling Center offers just that to students, and what's even better, it's a service that every student has already paid in advance with their student service fees.

You might as well find solace in speaking with professionals if you are having problems, because you have already paid for the service anyway. And, it is a worthwhile service to have offered to students.

On a similar note, finding childcare is often challenging and can cause a lot of stress. Other family members work and sometimes it's hard to know who you can trust to care for your children.

The Riley Child Care Center, located conveniently on campus, seems to be a way students with children, or even younger siblings can make sure they can get to class, concentrate on their studies and know that the little one they care for is close by should they need to contact them.

So, for students who have personal issues or young children to contend with in addition to trying to get a PUC degree, look at the Counseling Center and the Riley Child Care Center as possible solutions to your needs. Both services could help make life a little bit easier.

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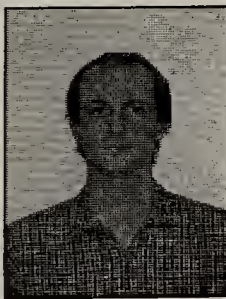
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Go exploring



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Chief Copy Editor

So ok, you're walking around campus between classes with extra time to kill and no idea what to do with yourself. Well, luckily, I have an idea for you, go exploring. Go check out a location on campus that you've never been to before.

Personally I have a lot of extra time on my hands and here are a few places I found that you might want to check out.

The entire Anderson Building.

Now this building is neat. There's like a million computers in there. Right as you enter from the CLO building you uncover a lounge that most of us probably never knew existed. It's kind of like the CLO lounge but cooler. If you decide to explore the building further and go upstairs I bid you good luck because you may never be seen again. The upstairs of the Anderson building is full of offices and becomes one big maze. While they should have someone selling maps up there, they don't. It's ok though, just make sure you bring money. With any luck, you'll run into the crazy wandering leprechaun. If you do like I did and pay him five bucks, he'll make sure you find your way back out.

Top two floors of the CLO building.

If you're ever REALLY bored, then take a stroll up to the two top floors of the CLO building. There's really not much to do up there, but if you start reading the names on the offices as you stroll the halls you might actually recognize some of them. If you're lucky enough to recognize a name on an office with an open door and the instructor inside, drop by and give them a quick hello, they love that. In the rare case - or in my case, not so rare - that the instructor couldn't stand you when you were in their class, don't worry, you're not in their class anymore and therefore they'll be happy as can be to see you. They might even strike up a conversation with you, but beware because they are instructors and most instructors like the sound of their voices more than yours. Sometimes getting sucked into a long boring conversation can burn more time than you have.

Big thing next to the Shops and Stores Building.

Now I know what you're thinking, what's in the shops and stores building? Well, I'm not completely sure, but I know what's not in there, elephants. I could be wrong on this though, there were a lot of peanut shells around. Anyways, there's this big building next to it that has all this running water running down the outside walls. I don't really know what it's for, but I'm hoping it might be for a future indoor kayaking club. That or they're holding a whale hostage, either way that's pretty cool.

So, instead of doing your homework on campus feel free to check out these neat places. But, if you really feel ambitious, find some areas of your own. It's a big campus and there are plenty of places left to be discovered. Just remember to bring extra money because where's there's one crazy wandering leprechaun, there's bound to be more.

Electronic voting system unreliable



JORDAN HESTERMANN
News Editor

Florida recently tested its touch screen voting system, an electronic voting system designed to decrease the chance of a recount like that of the 2000 presidential election. Unfortunately, the testing of the system was delayed because of a

computer crash. However, once the problem was fixed, the system worked great.

Does anyone else see a problem with this?

Computers have become essential to the everyday lives of most people. In many cases, they make things more convenient. However, they almost never get going without a problem. They crash, as was seen with the testing of the electronic voting system in Florida.

One of the arguments for fixing this problem is to give voters paper printouts when they vote, in case there needs to be a recount. This would be an extreme waste of paper. Think about all the people whom will be voting Nov. 2 and all the paper that would be. Voters never received paper printouts before when they went to the polls. No one wrote on a piece of a paper, "Yes, John voted. He voted for candidate A." This country has been voting for 200 plus years and never found a need to send voters off with proof that they voted.

It is not the Florida recount that has caused people to think that a paper printout at the polls is necessary. It was the Florida recount that founded an unreliable, electronic method for voting, thus causing the need for paper printouts.

Not only are paper printouts a waste of paper, but in the case of a recount, it is even more unreliable than both the traditional means of voting and the electronic system. People could change their votes when they hand in the paper. In order to have paper printouts, they would have to have a sort of seal, or something that makes them genuine. This in turn wastes more money and more time.

The electronic system of voting is supposed to make things easier, yet when looking closer, it appears to complicate things and make them less reliable. It seems the electronic voting system could very well have the opposite affect it was intended for.

Besides the paper printouts, it is highly doubtful there is no way for a computer hacker to hack into the voting system. They can put up every firewall there is, but chances are, someone will hack in. This could cause an endless array of problems.

The solution to the recount problem is simply to find a better way to keep track of votes that is not solely based on technology. Voting is one of the most important rights citizens have. One should not have to worry whether his/her vote is going to make it to the right server. The only thing a voter should have to worry about on election day is whether they made the right choice.

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Photo provided

U.S. Congressman Pete Visclosky (D-Ind.).

Angela Piekarczyk, business marketing major and member of the student government restructuring committee spoke about her impression of the congressman after the speech.

"I thought he was great. He was one of us. He didn't seem to be here for more votes, he was here because he chose to," Piekarczyk said. "And extending the South Shore, I think it's a great idea and will provide jobs."

Newsom

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chancellor for administrative services in the spring, to help alleviate some of the work load from Kull.

While Kull said balancing both jobs will be "certainly a challenge," he said he is confident he can do both positions and that there will be some learning that will take place in the process.

To help with the additional workload, Kull said the university contractually hired Rick Martin, ISO certified project administrator, through a third party arrangement with RJ Mycka. RJ Mycka is a company that provides company management services to ensure projects are delivered on time, within scope and within budget.

Kull said Martin was hired to help the university to continue in project management by adding efficiency and productivity.

Donations

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"Purdue Calumet depends on our regional community for our own success," Cohen said. "We can't expect support if we are not willing to give support."

Lowry said that even though the PUC donations have gone down in the last couple years, the need has not decreased.

The Lake Area United Way assists in allocating resources to help those in need. According to the Lake Area United Way website, four fields of need were identified. Those four fields include youth development, individual family wellness, community building and crisis intervention.

Lowry said giving to the United Way covers a very wide range of social services.

"The United Way is a way to help your

Kull said the staff under Newsom is sound, and really provides a sound foundation for administrative services, which will also help for a smooth transition.

Kull said he has worked closely with Newsom during his 17 years working in various positions at PUC.

Kull said Newsom was an outstanding leader, mentor, friend and boss.

Cohen said that even though Newsom moved on from his position at PUC, he is going to take on an important job for the whole Purdue system, including the regional campuses.

OnePurdue is a four-year plan to modernize and integrate Purdue's administrative data systems.

"A key feature of OnePurdue is that it will encompass the information and data of Purdue's campuses through a Web-based interface, while enabling each campus to

retain faculty and operational independence. For example, faculty at the regional campuses will continue to set their own degree requirements," Newsom said in a recent Purdue University news release.

OnePurdue will integrate three major administrative applications: student services, finance and human resources. With OnePurdue, faculty, staff and students will have the ability to access a variety of self-service applications. These applications include registering for classes, checking financial aid status, downloading class rosters, assigning plus and minus grades and accessing faculty individual compensation information. It will also providing administration with a wide array of real-time information in customized report formats, to aid in university planning and forecasting.

neighbor and help make your community strong. It is a nice general way to support a whole network of agencies," Lowry said. "This is a way of helping each other."

Dianne Karp, vice president of fundraising for the Lake Area United Way, said helping others in need is a responsibility. She said in Lake County there is a 13 percent poverty rate.

"I think it is important because as citizens of Lake County, we have a responsibility to give back to the community," Karp said. "As people who have some type of income, we need to help people who do not have any."

Karp said the purpose of the United Way is to try to make the quality of life a little better.

She said, "Even people who are surviving in the community might need a hand up."

Karp said the Lake Area United Way has a 5 million dollar goal this year, and Purdue Calumet is very important in helping them reach that goal.

Karp said that from the leadership down, PUC has really impressed her.

"I think Purdue has designed the campaign to be more effective," Karp said.

Pierson invited any student group interested in helping raise money to contact members of the committee.

Karp said anyone interested in making a donation or wanting to plan a fundraising campaign for the Lake Area United Way should call (219) 923-2303. Donations can be sent to 221 W. Ridge Road, Griffith Ind. 46319.

CTIS Connection

Administrative Services at Purdue University Calumet

Network Maintenance Downtimes

On the first and third Sunday's of the month, the campus network has scheduled downtime for maintenance from 12 a.m. to 12 p.m.

During this downtime, students, faculty and staff should plan on not having access to network capabilities, including:

- E-mail
- Network drives (H: drive)
- Web services
- Internet
- Blackboard / WebCT Vista
- Banner / Advisor Query
- Print Services

Scheduled down times are important for CTIS to be able to update, repair, enhance and secure our networked services. Some of the activities that occur during this period include:

- Preventative maintenance (i.e. disk space may be running low, so this time may be used to clean up unnecessary files)
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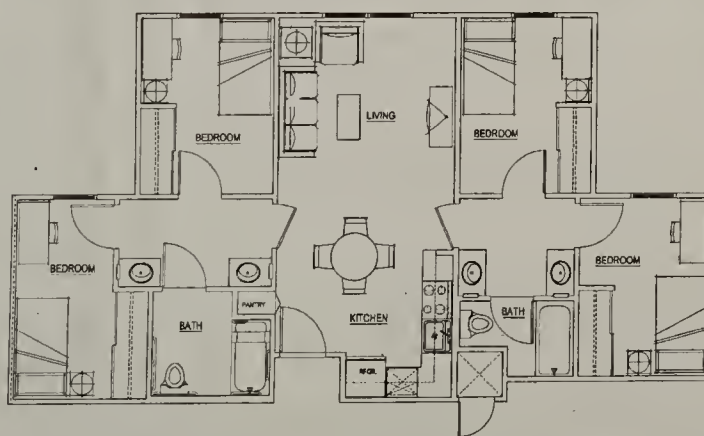


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Instructor discusses future of foreign affairs

Students share thoughts about election

JORDAN HESTERMANN
News Editor

Political science instructor and students express views on the presidential elections and the future of the United States.

Richard Rupp, political science instructor specializing in foreign affairs, said he does not think either President George W. Bush or Sen. John Kerry has a good plan for "winning the peace," as Kerry has said, in Iraq.

"I don't think either has presented a coherent plan. They have spent the majority of their time criticizing each other and talking about the past," Rupp said.

Art Puka, a junior majoring in political science, said it is hard to choose between the candidates and their plans.

"Looking at the mistakes Bush made, he has a plan for everything. I don't think it's enough to have a plan. You're supposed to have a plan. It's a choice between the less of two evils," Puka said.

Rupp said it is interesting how similar the candidates' plans are. He said they are both talking about more international support and more training for the Iraqi military so the United States can eventually withdraw.

Rupp said the training of the Iraqi forces is not going well because the ones being recruited

for training are the ones being attacked.

Stacy Goddard, a junior majoring in political science, also said there is not much difference between the candidates.

"It's not any different than other elections. I don't think there will be a big change either way, if Kerry gets in or Bush gets in," Goddard said.

Rupp said the relations between the United States and its allies is in "a state of crisis." He said the Bush administration is viewed as arrogant. The government is seen as one that is not serious about consultation and cooperation.

"Bush thinks that other powers should grant Washington consider-

able leeway in how Washington executes its foreign policy," Rupp said.

He said most nation states oppose the war in Iraq. He said they are disconcerted about Bush's views on other issues also; for example the Kyoto Protocol, a treaty to reduce emissions from United Nations members.

Rupp said Kerry was right when he said foreign leaders would prefer him to Bush in office. He said the other nations feel Kerry would be better for global leadership. However, he said it will not really change anything, in terms of foreign affairs if Kerry is elected.

"They (the other nations) will breathe a sigh of relief...There's just so much that Kerry can do to change foreign policy," Rupp said.

Rupp said during the Clinton

years the government began to be unilateral, meaning that the government serves the nation's interests and does what it has to do, without anyone else affecting it.

"Bush ran with it...Kerry would have difficulty making it more multilateral," Rupp said.

Tom Benton, sophomore political science major, said the importance of the election is not only about the war.

"This is a very pivotal election. It's not just about the Iraq war, but it also has to do with the Supreme Court. Three or four justices will be retiring within the next four years. The election is very pivotal to the future of the court," Benton said.

Rupp said that in the past several decades this is the most significant of presidential elections.

Counseling Center offers students both individual, group therapy

KENDRA JESSEN
Managing Editor

Along with offering students individual therapy, PUC's Counseling Center started out this semester with a career choices group and five support groups dealing with various issues.

Joe Hermes, director of the Counseling Center, said the career choices group was extremely successful. He said career counseling used to be done on an individual basis, but by starting a group, he ended up seeing more students this past September than he saw during the entire fall 2003 semester.

He collected feedback from more than 100 students, all of which seemed to be positive.

He said the career choices group consisted of four sessions, each 60 to 90 minutes in length.

"The goal of this group is to link students' self-identity and self-esteem to a satisfying career path," Hermes said.

He said the group featured facilitated interactive events which helped students see if they looked similar to people who are successful in the career field they hope to go into. He also said students in the group took tests to determine what might be a good career fit for them.

"When students have a clear sense of purpose, they tend to persist more in the face of difficulty," Hermes said.

He said another service the Counseling Center offers, individual psychological services, has also been well-received by students.

He said between 85 and 90 students made appointments to see counselors this past September.

He said the individual sessions last between 45 to 50 minutes and are completely confidential. During the session, the counselor decides if the student's issue is resolved or if the student needs additional counseling, either through the Counseling Center or through referral to an outside psychiatrist.

Hermes said the center can't prescribe psychotropic medicine to students, so that would be a reason students might need to be referred. Otherwise the center can counsel them throughout the entire semester.

Ralinda McCoy, a junior majoring in communications, wasn't aware that PUC has a Counseling Center, but now that she knows, thinks it is great.

"Someone might not want their friends and family to find out that they are getting help, some people are private," McCoy said. "By having the Counseling Center on campus, nobody has to find out."

Regina Gary, a sophomore majoring in elementary education also was not aware of the Counseling Center, but likes the fact PUC offers it.

"I think it is really nice that PUC has a Counseling Center on Campus," Gary said. "In fact, I would go if they offered something that would help me."

The center also counsels cou-

ples and families, as long as the student is the main focus of the sessions.

Additionally, it provides a consultation service for faculty and staff who may be concerned with one of their students. The counselor's goal during these sessions is to help the figure out how best to deal with that student.

The center has four full-time counselors and a part-time intern. All of the center's services are free to students, as they are already included in tuition.

For students looking to find other students dealing with similar issues the center has recently started five facilitated support groups including, "Empowering Women: Self-Esteem Group for Female Students," "Feel Better Fast: Self-Improvement Seminar," Freshman Experience Group," "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Support Group" and "Welcome Back: Returning Adult Students Group."

Hermes said these groups are a challenge.

"It takes effort, but it is rewarding when you can get these groups going on a commuter campus," he said. "Most students just come to school and go home."

Hermes has been trying to market the center by visiting freshmen experience courses. He has visited 30 since the beginning of the school year. He thinks this is important because in four to five years, by visiting all the freshmen experience courses, most students will have knowledge of the Counseling Center.

"I would like to increase visibility of the services we offer and increase student awareness of the relevance of our services to academic success," Hermes said. "It's a statement of being a good health consumer to use the services available and take care of yourself."

He said overall, students who use the Counseling Center will enjoy a retention advantage.

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A taste of southern Brazil in Chicago

MICHAEL FINNEY
Staff Writer

Fogo de Chão offers food from the southern hills of Brazil, featuring meat prepared to your liking.

Fogo de Chão is pretty casual from the outside. The building's appearance at 661 North LaSalle in Chicago, is clean.

Once inside the activity of the staff quickly draw you into the experience. Employees move around their paths just like the cars that flood the city streets of Chicago surrounding the restaurant.

There are four United States locations: Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas and Houston. However this establishment finds its roots outside the U.S. and equally far from metropolitan concepts. Started in 1979 by two pairs of Brazilian brothers, this restaurant set out to bring the cooking tradition of the "gauchos," or cowboys, of the southern hills in

Brazil to the people of the cities. This tradition involves slow cooking huge pieces of meat over open fires. Techniques were passed down through families until now when these brothers took it on themselves to expose a larger population to the practice.

The meal consists of an excellent salad bar and servings of meat with sides of polenta, fried bananas and mashed potatoes. A waiter greets each table and offers the wine list along with an invitation to the salad bar. The selection available on the wine list is brought in a hefty binder; prices range from around \$5 a glass to over \$100 for select bottles. The salad bar is extensive, offering fresh mozzarella, palm hearts, various cheeses, dressings and meat slices.

After enjoying the salad, attendants replace the plate and ask if the table is ready to begin with the main course. Let me add that it is wise to fully contemplate their questioning because after the salad course their service is

very enveloping.

A circular chip is given to each guest; one side is green while the other is red. Like a traffic light the green signals the gauchos to approach your table and offer their specialty.

These gauchos were trained in Brazil in the traditional cooking style before being brought into the restaurant. They are truly experts, having learned to perfect the art for 15 different cuts of beef, pork, lamb and chicken. Taking the selection from the cooking process to the table, the chef requests which cook of the meat is preferred; for example rare or well done. He begins to cut the selection displayed on long skewers then directs you to take the piece with provided tongs.

There is no limit for how much one can eat but the eyes are quick to run off with the belly here. Remember to save room for their dessert menu. Fogo de Chão is open for lunch, \$29.50 per person, and dinner at a cost of \$48.50



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Fogo de Chão serves southern Brazilian food and features a salad bar, extensive wine list and meat cooked to your liking.

per person. If you would like to only indulge in the salad bar they will work out a lowered price.

For more information call (312)932-9330 or visit: www.fogodechao.com

Chicago's Millennium Park embraces art, culture

MANDY LUCIOUS
Staff Writer

Chicago unveiled the brand new Millennium Park this past summer.

Millennium Park has been in the making for more than seven years. It is one of the most unique parks in the nation. The total cost of the 25.5 acre park was \$475 million.

The venue includes art from some of the most important architects and artists in the world. There is Crown Fountain, which is located on Michigan Avenue between Madison Avenue and Monroe Street. The fountain features a rectangular, highly reflective pool of shallow water with two 50-foot tall glass block towers on either end. As water cascades from the towers, photo images of nature scenes and are displayed from video screens inside.

The Cloud Gate, located in SBC Plaza, is the world's largest outdoor sculpture. The sculpture is centrally located in the plaza which serves as an anchor for the site of world-renowned artist Anish Kapoor's first public, American outdoor work. The highly polished, stainless steel Cloud Gate, reflects the city's famous skyline and all those who gaze into it.

The Jay Pritzker Music Pavilion is the winner of the

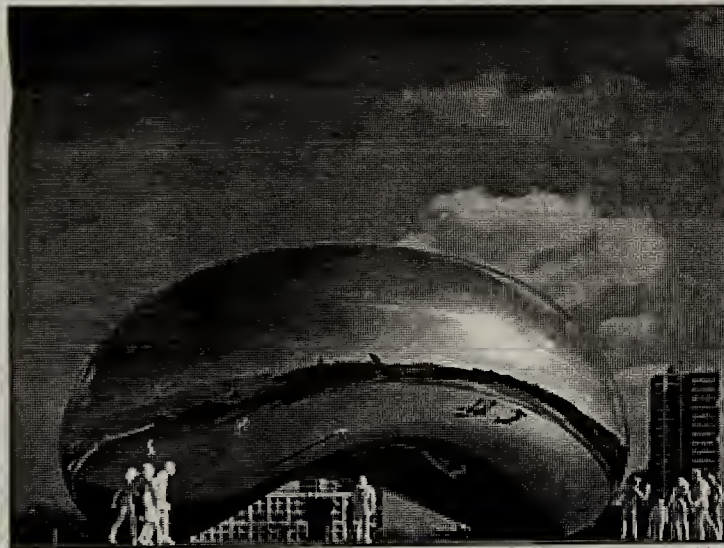


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Pritzker Prize in architecture and the National Medal of Art. Frank Gehry applied his signature style to this stainless steel bandshell, featuring a special sound system that extends from the stage to above the audience.

The Pritzker Pavilion can be used during the winter months for concerts, banquets, receptions and lectures.

The Lurie Garden is a 2.5 acre landscape marvel on the southeast corner of the park designed by Gustafson, Guthrie, Nicole, LTD, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel.

The Lurie Garden is screened from the rest of the park by tall, sculpted hedges and divided by a graceful wooden footbridge above shallow water.

The Millennium Monument at Wrigley Square is a peristyle monument. In appreciation of the park founders, the monument displays their names along its base. It is a nearly full-size replica of rows of paired columns enclosing a court.

The McCormick Tribune is located where the plaza faces Michigan Avenue between

Washington and Madison Streets. Park goers can enjoy al fresco dining in the summer and ice-skating with dining indoors in the winter.

The Chase Promenade is where Chicagoans and visitors can enjoy lunch, exhibits and other park attractions from the promenade's eight acres of lush parkland and exhibition space offering nearly 200 trees. It extends from Monroe to Randolph Streets, just east of Michigan Avenue.

The Bike Station is an indoor, heated 300-space bicycle parking facility which features lockers, showers, bike repair, bike rental and other amenities to encourage bicycling. Located in the park's northeast corner, this facility accommodates runners and in-line skaters too.

According to Millennium Park Brochure, City of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Department of Cultural Affairs Commissioner Lois Weisberg, said the idea for this park came from Chicago's motto "urbs in horto" which means "city in a garden." The Lurie Garden designed by Kathryn Gustafson is a 2.5 acre shoulder garden that is a main attraction in the park.

The designs in the park are sophisticated and simply magnificent. This cultural entertainment attraction is truly a one-of-a kind display. The world-class art is

visually priceless. Each exhibit was designed by a world-renowned artist on behalf of Millennium Park.

The current attraction is "Family Portraits," a display of pictures showing families from all around the world. Let me say in this case, it is true that a picture does say a thousand words.

According to www.millenniumpark.org, "Millennium Park is a place where you can experience everything from interactive public art and ice skating to al fresco dining and free classical music presentations by the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus. Among the park's prominent features is the dazzling Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States, designed by Frank Gehry, one of the world's greatest living architects."

Chicagoans have many reasons to appreciate Millennium Park; the landscape, design or for the representation of unique culture.

Exhibits change frequently. The park is free to the public.

The Cultural Center holds information on Millennium Park as well as other attractions in Chicago like the Water Works and Gallery. The Center arranges publicity and organizes shows. Any information needed about Millennium Park may be obtained at the Cultural Center.

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Philosophy and art combined in 'Ghost in the Shell'

TERRENCE ISBELL
Staff Writer

If you claim to be an anime fanatic and the words "Ghost in the Shell" have no meaning to you whatsoever, I'm afraid turning in your official anime fanatic card will have to be the next logical step.

As we all know, "Ghost in the Shell" is one of those anime films that had the ability to achieve both cult and mainstream status, being one of the few in existence that is actually the standard others attempt to reach or extend beyond.

For those out of the loop, it focuses on the human/cyborg agent known as Kusanagi, who is called to battle a form of artificial intelligence that declares itself alive. The movie was deep...much deeper than most live action films that came out during its time, which is what made it all the more interesting. Though it wasn't originally intended, its creator, Mamoru Oshii, began work on a sequel with the subtitle *Innocence*, which recently opened last month. Most anime films with theatrical openings rarely get shown around here aside from downtown Chicago art house cinemas, but fortunately the Schererville Showplace, at 875 Deercreek Drive, obtained a copy of the newest chapter in the "Ghost in the Shell" series, thereby making



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Ghost in the Shell: Innocence combines philosophy and art in life-like animated scenes.

it able to view without the added frustration of Chi-town gridlock.

After my initial viewing, I can honestly say that if you're a fan of the original movie, you won't be disappointed, but you won't be overjoyed and giddy about the final

product either.

One of the first things that are noticed right off the bat is that Kusanagi isn't the main character of this piece (even though she comes in later), something that may put off most fans as it is. Instead it

focuses on her partner Batou, a stoic cyborg whose mission is to uncover the reasoning behind robotic prototypes suddenly killing their owners and then terminating themselves. Mafia involvement is suspected, and it's up to the emotionless Batou to figure out the cause. Right about here, when the crimes are uncovered, is where the movie gets extremely slow. You may be the most passionate anime fan on Earth, have all manner of Cowboy Bebop posters on your basement wall, but I seriously doubt you'd have an easy time deciphering the plot and sub-plots of this movie.

I enjoy movies that appeal to my intellectual side, but long, drawn out discussions about the teachings of Descartes and how it relates to the cybernetic population can start to wear on the nerves a tad. Most anime does have an infamous habit of its characters discussing, discussing and discussing the plot, along with life, liberty and whatever else for long bouts of time, whether it's poignant or not. The characters in "Innocence" do this, and they do it too well. It's a small drawback, but sadly, it's a drawback to the movie regardless.

The only thing keeping the balance between the philosophical discussions is the look of the movie, which is more or less art in motion. CGI, 3-D holographic imagery, and

traditional animation were all used, and some of the scenes, especially the parade and mansion scenes, look extremely detailed and life-like. It was mentioned in an article that all the effects took about five years to complete and it definitely shows. When animated movies can have this type of detail, it causes wonder why live action ones seem to lack the same type. There are still the action scenes to discuss, and though they're few and far between, they're still better than any of the summer flicks' attempts at doing similar things.

Ghost in the Shell: Innocence is one of those movies viewers will either love or hate. If you're leaning towards hate, you'll have to be very patient with it, same as you would be if you were leaning towards love. It may not be the masterpiece that the original is, but if you get the opportunity to see it, it will definitely make you sit up and take notice.

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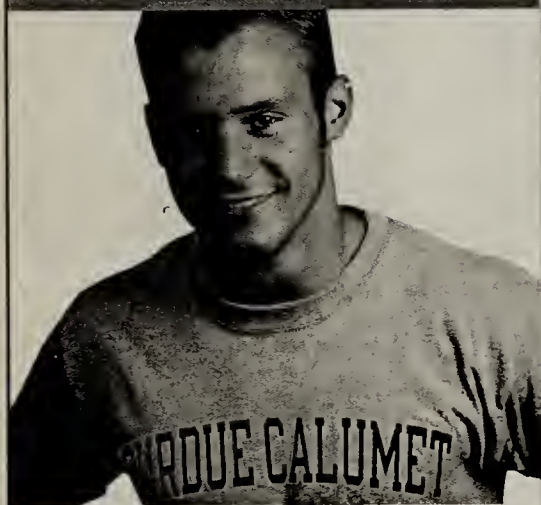
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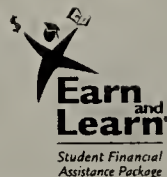
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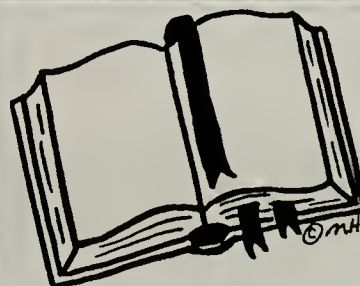
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'Comfortable for You,' very uncomfortable

DAVID TOMKO
Chief Copy Editor

I just don't understand this screaming thing. Zeppelin rocked out in the sixties, Aerosmith carried it through the seventies and Skid Row screamed it though the eighties. Guns and Roses bridged the gap from the eighties to the nineties, and then Kurt Cobain grunted it out in the last great rock movement of our time. They didn't just scream for screaming sake. Unfortunately today, some of the music today is just that, screaming for screaming sake. This is why I don't understand what they were thinking when Comfortable for You released their newest album, "Prizefight."

The thing that bugs me most about this album, besides the headache I get when I listen to it, is that the guitars, drums, bass, are all excellent. Their timing and song arrangements really are very good. They have an excellent balance between the subtle quiet parts and the all out rocking parts. Each song gets me excited when I listen to the intros and get into the groove of the song just to be put off by the high pitched whiney screaming of their lead singer.

Comfortable for You is a band out of San Diego that I can only classify as a hard edged emo band. For those of you who don't know "emo" it's short for "emotional." Emo is a broad title that covers a lot of different styles

of emotionally-charged punk rock.

Bands like Dashboard Confessional and Jimmy Eat World shared a glimmer of the spotlight years ago with a hit or two when their "emo" genre slightly stumbled out into the mainstream. Unfortunately, since then they've been silent. The main difference between those bands and this band is that Dashboard and Jimmy Eat World had talent.

"Sally Field" their third track off the album is one of the easier songs to listen to. It starts off with a clean guitar playing through a catchy riff when the drums kick in and then the bass. This could be a total rock song especially since it abandons the nice pretty part and goes into a steady pounding rhythm of dirty guitar chords. Then the lead singer comes in. He lays off the screaming a bit, which makes me stop from reaching for the fast forward button. Unfortunately his almost screaming still doesn't sound that good.

Their fourth song, "The Other side of Sweden," is actually a touch better than "Sally Field." It sounds totally like a Jimmy Eat World song but lacks a good vocal touch. The intro rocks, the verses, a single guitar playing muffled chord, was really a nice call and the pre-chorus has punch. This song seemed to have so much promise and I was really pulling for them, but when the chorus turned into a bunch of high pitched whining, I was just totally disappointed.

Anyway, many of the other songs go



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Comfortable for You is a hard-edged "emo" band with good balance between timing, but entirely too much screaming.

along the same story, the music is really good, but the vocalist just killed any chance of being able to get comfortable with this album. If the screaming thing is your kind of music then by all means find this album, the

music rocks and if you like a whiney screaming type of vocalist this might be for you. As for anyone else like me who digs Zeppelin, Aerosmith and Nirvana, stay away.

Milwaukee versus Chicago, similar yet different

JORDAN HESTERMANN
News Editor

At the end of the summer, a friend and I went to Milwaukee as a last trip before she moved to Arizona. We thought it would be an interesting alternative to going to Chicago.

At first look, Milwaukee and Chicago have two major similarities. The first is that they both have rivers. Milwaukee has the Milwaukee River and Chicago has the Chicago River. Even the names of the rivers are similar, they both had the same amount of creativity put into them, being named after the cities they are in. Also, Milwaukee and Chicago are both located on the same lake. It's a big lake called Lake Michigan. It is an interesting name for a lake, especially when talking about Chicago and Milwaukee, which coincidentally, are not located in Michigan.

In terms of things to do, Milwaukee and Chicago have many of the same things. They both have restaurants, shopping and bars, which are all quite essential in a city. The restaurants are similar and the shopping seems pretty close.

The bars are not much different either. Comparing a touristy bar area like Water Street in Milwaukee to another one like Rush and Division in Chicago, they are pretty much the same. Both areas play mainstream, Top 40 music, (which sucks equally in both cities) for people to listen to while they get drunk and then stumble around the dance floor and call it dancing.



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Milwaukee, which is situated on the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan, offers an inexpensive getaway for a change of scenery. It doesn't quite compare to Chicago, although the restaurants, stores and bars are similar.

The only difference is that the people in Milwaukee have to get drunk faster than those in Chicago since the bars in Milwaukee close at 2 a.m.

I think Milwaukee has a downtown area. I'm not sure, though. I always know when I am in downtown Chicago because the buildings are extremely tall. I think I saw some buildings that were kind of tall in

Milwaukee, but that is compared to other buildings in Chicago. However, when I compare the buildings in Milwaukee to the buildings in Chicago all I think is "munchkin size."

On returning from Milwaukee, I realized some things. One was that I probably could have went to Chicago, a half hour away as opposed to close to two hours away, and had

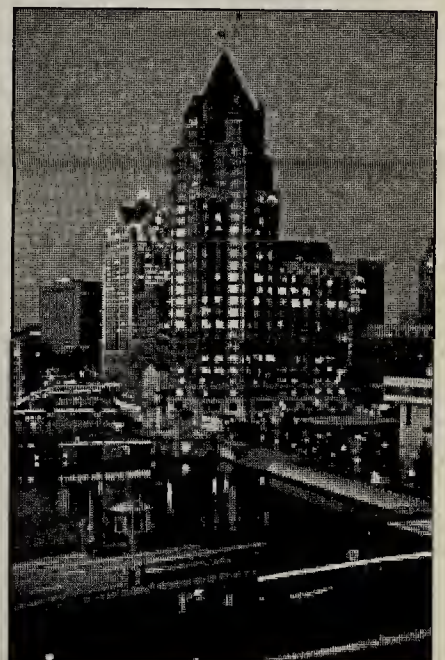


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A view of the Milwaukee skyline at dusk. The buildings there aren't quite as tall as the ones in Chicago.

as much fun as I did in Milwaukee. Then I thought about it some more and realized why I went to Milwaukee in the first place. It was like a mini-vacation only a couple hours away. Milwaukee was fun, and although it can't compare to the magnificence of the city of Chicago, it was cheap.

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Undefeated Sharpshooters take Cohen Cup

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Staff Writer

It only took one night to determine the second champion of the Intramural Floor Hockey Cohen Cup. The prize, named after PUC Chancellor Howard Cohen, belongs to the Sharpshooters Version 2.0 in 2004.

Undefeated in the regular season at 3-0, the Sharpshooters continued their perfect win stretch by sweeping the Pennsylvania Rolling Rock. They took the best of three series with consecutive 3-2 wins.

Grant Troxel, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering technology, served as the winning goaltender.

"My personal look at it was it's fun to have a two-goal lead. It takes the pressure off. The pressure is on when the game is tied or there is a one-goal lead," Troxel said.

Troxel's work has meant a lot to his teammates.

"This was for our goalie, he's the heart and soul of this team," Denny Davis, who had a

hat trick in the first game, followed by two goals in game two for the sharpshooters, said.

With 13 goals during the regular season, Davis led IFHL in scoring in a memorable year for the junior majoring in criminal justice. This championship season is marked by Davis's second year in the IFHL.

"This year was a blast, it was better than last year. Everyone was here and it was fun," Davis said.

Even the team unity stuck with the Rolling Rock after finishing the regular season at 1-2.

"It's all about people with the same goal," J.B. Lyles, PUC's sports information director, said.

Lyles became an active participant on the Rolling Rock squad that featured sports coordinator Matt Dudzik, Pete Fagan, Roger Razo and John Tomera.

"I work with Matt and Pete. It's all about team work and respect and I know Roger so I respect him as well and I also respect John. It was good competition."

Still, Lyles had that competitive edge of going to the top.

"I play to win. The thing is, there will be a winner and loser. It will be on my mind for a couple days max, but it makes me want to work harder and it keeps me going," Lyles said. "I should have done better."

Dudzik led the Rolling Rock in scoring during the regular season with five goals. But in organizing this intramural, he respects the winner.

"I'm happy for them. The intramurals are for students and they are students," Dudzik said.

He also mentioned that an undefeated record in any intramural is tough to come by.

As the second run of this intramural has concluded, there's hope for an improvement next year, as four teams made up the IFHL, only to have one team disband after three games because of a lack of players.

"I hope next year we get a bigger turnout. It's one of the best workouts for any intramural," Dudzik said

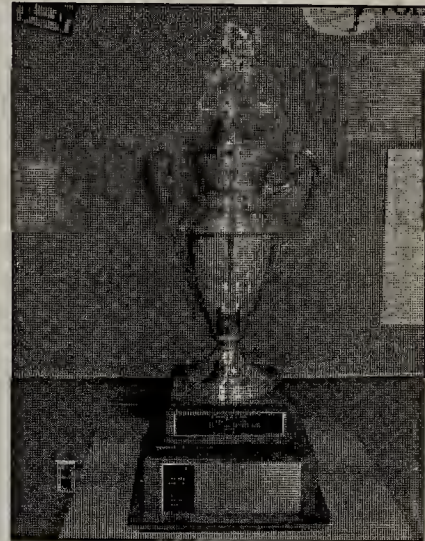


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The Cohen Cup, the championship trophy of the Intramural floor hockey league.

Battle of the undefeated

CARL HUIZENGA
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Even with a two week break, not much has changed down at the PUC Gym on Monday nights. Flag football is starting to turn up the heat as we go into this autumn season.

Last Monday night was the match-up that was second rate to none so far this season. The Shockers and Sofa King Good had to duel it out and played the last possible game between two undefeated teams in the regular season. Throughout the first half the game it looked as if Sofa King Good was going to pull through with the win. Before halftime both teams skirmished to score touchdowns within the final minute. Sofa King Good made a big defensive play with a safety and at halftime the score was 30-28 in favor of Sofa King Good.

After halftime Sofa King Good couldn't keep up with Shocker's wide out Bevan Coulopoulos. Coulopoulos took control of the ball and of Sofa King Good's legs because he could not be brought down. The Shockers were perfect in the second half completing pass after pass.

"We were getting tired, it was a rough first half then we manned-up," Dave Trajkovski, who had three touchdowns in the game, said.

The Shockers looked tired because of Sofa King Good's roster of eight men compared to the Shockers four men. Sofa King Good did use that to their advantage, but just couldn't get anything to work in the late second half. As the game ended the Shockers won with a score of 70-51.

"Wait for the playoffs," J-Whizzle of Sofa King Good said.

The playoffs are very likely to happen in the conference championship game Dec. 6. Sofa King Good took their first loss of the season and gave the honor of being first to the Shockers. Next week does not get any easier for Sofa King Good who will play War Party (5-0), and the Shockers have to prove themselves next week as they play a struggling Boilermaker team (2-3). The Shockers will have to do the same next week as they did Monday.

"We just go out and match-up guy-to-guy," Coulopoulos said. That strategy might be a little difficult against War Party, who seems to change their concoction of who plays what position every week. But we'll just have to wait and see next Monday.

Wallyball team players anticipate upcoming season

DAVE THOMPSON
Sports Editor

What do you get when you put volleyball on a racquetball court?

You get wallyball, one of 16 different sports and games that Total Fitness Center sports coordinator Matt Dudzik has planned for the intramural program during the course of the fall 2004 semester.

Last Tuesday night, the intramural game of the week was open play wallyball. Dudzik set up wallyball as open play for three reasons.

First, he wanted to give participants of the Extreme 2 on 2 Wallyball League an opportunity to practice. The season is scheduled to start Nov. 2.

Second, open play was set up for people who did not know how to play, but wanted to learn how to play wallyball. Third, open play was not just set up for those wanting a fun activity to participate in, but for those who are not planning to participate in league play.

Overall, 10 people showed up for the open play wallyball session playing on the two racquetball courts located in the PER building in rooms K-175 and K-176.

Dudzik said he expected the turnout to be between 10 and 12 people.

"There were a few people who are playing in the league who did not show up," Dudzik said.

Dudzik hopes seven or eight teams will sign up to play in the league. As of last Wednesday, he has had four teams and eight people sign up overall.

Total Fitness Center member Ramiro Meza showed up at the open play wallyball wanting to try out a new intramural sport. He plans to play in the wallyball league when it starts on Nov. 2.

"As long as they let me participate, I'll

play," Meza said.

He said that he has played a number of intramural sports including dodgeball, soccer and kickball. Meza finds the intramural sports a good way to get a cardiovascular workout.

Pam Bateman, a senior majoring in fitness management, is undecided about playing in the upcoming wallyball league. Bateman will most likely decide whether to play or not at the signup deadline, which is Oct. 29.

Bateman remembers playing wallyball back in March with some people after not having enough people for a dodgeball game.

"I've played before, and I really enjoyed it," Bateman said.

In addition to reading about wallyball on flyers posted around campus, fitness center member Mike Defala reminded her the day before to come out and play.

"Mike Defala inspired me to initially try wallyball," Bateman said.

Chris Werner, a junior network administrator for the computer, technology and information services department, played in the open play wallyball for enjoyment and to relieve stress. He also plans to play with Mike Curtis, coordinator of AV services for CTIS, again in league play after winning the wallyball tournament the intramurals held last spring in conjunction with the Wellness Center.

"We work good together, so we should be able to play together," Werner said.

Dudzik is currently weighing the option of whether offering an intramural as open play and league within a short time frame could help increase participation in certain sports inside the intramural program.

"I think that it is something I might do more of in the future," Dudzik said. "It is a good way to gauge interest."

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